

The Chemical Company

August 31, 2006

The Honorable Vernon A. Williams Secretary Surface Transportation Board Attn: STB Ex Parte No. 646 1925 K Street, N.W. Washington, DC 20423-0001

RE: STB Ex Parte No. 646 (Sub. No. 1), Simplified Standards for Rail Rate Cases — Notice of Intent to Participate

Dear Secretary Williams:

Pursuant to the Board's Decision served in this proceeding on July 28, 2006, BASF Corporation hereby gives notice of its intent to participate in this proceeding as a party of record. BASF Corporation respectfully requests that the following representative be included on the service list maintained by the Board in this proceeding.

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Copies of all pleadings and other documents filed in this proceeding, and all decisions and orders, should also be served directly upon this representative.

Sincerely,

David J. McGregor Senior Vice President NAFTA Logistics